

Initiative 300. And I had Senator Chambers ask me the other day, he said, why do you continue with this? And I said, well, I said, Ernie, it's like this, as important as the repeal of the death penalty is to you that's how important the repeal or the change of Initiative 300 are to me. So then I think we understood each other, we knew exactly where we were going with this thing. I just want to give you a little bit of a history of what is going on with Initiative 300. I think we will find that if you look at Initiative 300, and I know I've had a number of my colleagues say to me, well, we need to give it a chance to work, we need to see if it's going to work first before we do anything with it. Let's see how the whole thing works. Well we're never going to find out how it works. We have an Attorney General who will not stand up to the issue, he will not enforce the law dealing with Initiative 300 and the Constitution, and the reason he won't enforce that is because he knows that if he does enforce it it will ruin the economy of the State of Nebraska. There are millions of cattle and hogs that are being fed illegally in this state and he simply does not want to face up to that issue. So he's not going to enforce it, we're not going to find out how well Initiative 300 works. Another department, Department of Economic Development, talked to them privately. Oh, yes, we're against Initiative 300, we think it needs to be changed for the State of Nebraska. Do they state that publicly? Absolutely not. They are afraid of the heat, they are afraid of the controversy. They don't want to face up to that issue. And I think it is probably the most important economic issue, economic development issue that we face in this state, but they are unwilling to face that. They won't even look at it. Our ag director, we bring in an ag director, he comes out of academia, has no idea of what the real world of politics and what the real world is like out there, is not willing to face the issue. He does not care about economic development as far as agriculture goes. He's not willing to publicly state that Initiative 300 is hindering economic development in this state. We have many chambers of commerce across this state. They all, in the back rooms, pass little secret resolutions saying, yes, we think Initiative 300 needs to be changed. Initiative 300 is causing all kinds of problems. Let's change it. But you ask them to go public with that knowledge and they certainly don't want to because of the controversy involved. We have the Governor. The Governor comes over here and lobbies for many, many hours on a silly little cushion, on a speed limit bill. But does she come over here to lobby for something as major as Initiative 300? Absolutely not. She's afraid of the controversy, she doesn't want to get